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CENTRAL AFRICAN EXPLORA-
TION.

At a meeting of the Royal Geographical
Society in London a paper in which Captain
J. Tilho, of the French Army, gave an
account of the results of the recent French
mission to that part of Central Africa of
which Lake Chad is the centre was read.
The French Government, said Captain
Tilho, assigned to the mission of which he
was a member two distinct tasks. It had
to define, in conjunction with the British
mission, the frontier between the French
and British spheres, from the Niger to
Lake Chad; and to carry out a programme
of scientific researches in the country ex-
plored. The French mission numbered
eighteen officers and men, among them
several specialists; and the British mission
was composed of Major O'Shea, Major
Simonds, Lieutenant Henson, and Dr.
B. M. Flood. The relations of the two
parties had been thoroughly pleasant and
cordial during the progress of the
work, which went on without interrup-
tion from January 1907, to February,
1908. The French explorers wish to
pay a well-deserved compliment to the
precision of the results obtained by
their British colleagues, results which
afforded a valuable basis for African cartog-
raphy. Lake Chad they found to be a
vast closed depression of slight depth,
entirely independent of the great tributaries
of either the Atlantic or the Mediterranean.
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that of any other lake in the world. Lake
Chad was not, as some had surmised, the
lowest point of the plain of which it was
the centre, for that plain fell from the west
to the east at a uniform rate of about
1 in 5000. As the conclusion of their
studies the French mission returned in
two groups. The more important, under
Lieutenant Andoin, took the Desert
route along the southern edge of the
Sahara; the other, commanded by Captain
Tilho, went through Nigeria by Kano,
Zungur, Hama, and Lagos, which the
British authorities graciously allowed them
to cross. This second group went through
Dikou, the chief town of the German
Colony of Cameroons, and afterwards
Maiduguri, the capital of the English
Borno. In both places they had a most
courteous reception. It was satisfactory
to know that the best possible relations
existed between the representatives of
the three great Powers—England, France
and Germany—in Africa. All Africans
were glad to see this colonial enterprise be-
cause they knew how useful it would be.
It prepared the way for a more complete
understanding between the nations in
Central and Equatorial Africa. The co-
operation of the different administrations
would be the most powerful means, and
probably the only one to destroy the scourge
of slavery in Central Africa. With regard
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No. 434
CHINA SEA.

ALTERATION IN CHARACTER OF FOG GUN
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of the responding fog gun signals from
lightships will be altered as described in
the following instructions to lightkeepers:
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BOILER DISEASES AND
THEIR CURES.

It is somewhat disappointing that, with
all our present scientific knowledge, there
are certain phenomena in connection with
the corrosion of steam-boilers which
though they are perfectly well known and
very troublesome, are due to causes which
are not clearly understood. Many explana-
tions have been given, and yet little really
seems to be known about them. There
can be no doubt, however, that they are
due either to chemical or electrical action,
probably to both. To what extent each
of these is responsible for diseases, such as
pitting, wastage, grooving, &c., to which
boilers are liable, has for long been a matter
of controversy of arguments and discussions.
Volumes have been written on the subject,
and numerous cures, some of them, to
say the least, ridiculous, have been ad-
vocated and tried. The diseases, however,
still continue, and in spite of all antidotes,
remain a constant source of worry to the
owner and to the engineer in charge. The
high temperatures and pressure now in use
have also increased their importance. It
is, perhaps, more than can be reasonably
expected that any certain cure should be
found for these evils; and all that we can
hope for is that they may be mitigated.
Enough is, of course, known to enable us
to do this, but it still remains that boilers
deteriorate from causes which in some
cases are most obscure. It is, we
believe, held by some high authorities
that all kinds of corrosion of iron, in
whatever form, may be put down to
electrolysis, or, as it is more commonly
known among engineers, galvanic action.
We are not prepared to endorse this fully,
although there is no doubt that many
forms of corrosion arise largely, if not
entirely, from minute electric currents
which are set up between different parts of
boilers when in contact with water. It
does not appear, however, that our
knowledge is yet sufficient to enable us to
say definitely that purely chemical action
is free from blame. It may prove to be so,
but more evidence is needed before we can
be sure on this point. There is nothing
new in this theory of electrolytic
action. For years, it has been regarded
as an enemy to boilers, and has been
combated in many ways, and who
amongst us with any experience of the
working of boilers does not know how
firm is the faith of some men that plates of
zinc attached by various ingenious methods
inside boilers are a sure charm against
corrosion. The theory of the action of
these plates may at times be very vague in
the minds of the users, but the fact that
the plates waste away is often held to be a
guarantee that in so doing they save the
boiler itself. This is, no doubt, frequently
the case, but, unfortunately, like many
other so-called cures, zinc is not always
successful. It is still quite possible, how-
ever, that electrolytic action has much to
do with the corrosion of boilers. That it
has escaped suspicion, or we ought perhaps
to say, that it has escaped conviction, is
perhaps due to the difficulty there has
been in obtaining absolute proof, though it
has been easy to speak in a mysterious way
of electric action when certain phenomena
have puzzled us.
Dealing upon this subject, a number of
very interesting experiments have recently
been carried out by Professor C. F. Bur-
less, of the University of Wisconsin, with
the object of ascertaining whether similar
corrosive results to those found in actual
boilers could be produced by means of
minute electric currents in a laboratory
apparatus. Much valuable information is
often gained from such small experimental
apparatus, and at any rate, the experiments
we have described are worthy of very
careful attention and of extended re-
petition. They, at least, demonstrate the
possibility of marked electrolytic action.
They also show that repeated heating and
cooling promotes corrosion, which is also
greatly influenced by the quality of the
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used. Now if differences of temperature
(Continued on Page 3).

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SATURDAY,
the 9th April, 1910, at 2.30 P.M., at
their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux
Road, corner of Ice House Street,—
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Satanu Vases, Inlaid Aris Vases, Lac-
quered Panels and Screens, &c., &c.
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, April 5, 1910. 456

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Public Auction,
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TUESDAY,
the 19th April, 1910, at 11 A.M., at their
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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Silk, Drawn Work, Jewellery, etc., at Mr. Geo. F. Lamont's Sale Rooms.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios, etc., at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Sale Rooms.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, April 10.—9 p.m.—Special Meeting for Men at Y.M.C.A.

TUESDAY, April 12.—4.30 p.m.—Italian Concert Jubilee Entertainment.

9 p.m.—Performance of 'Mico & Mon' by H.K.A.D.C.

WEDNESDAY, April 13.—Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

1.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Students Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at the Residence of Bishop's Lodge (South) No. 5, The Peak.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1910.

OPIUM-SMOKING IN HONGKONG.

Is a recent article we endeavoured to

emphasise the practical effect of the

shutting down of Hongkong's public

opium-smoking divans. Our object

was to show that this step, if taken

with the avowed object of suppressing

the opium habit, was naturally bound

to utterly fail in its aim. For, whether

there be licensed divans in which the

lower classes of Chinese can indulge a

desire created by years of habit, or

whether there be none, the coolie once

having cultivated the passion finds it a

physical impossibility to abandon the

pipe at a moment's notice, even though

he become possessed of a desire to do

so. Yet many good folk at Home

appear to have believed this would be

the result of the peremptory order sent

out by the Secretary of State some two

years ago. In the article referred to

we tried to indicate the illogical

attitude of the legislators at Home in

that, from a supposed desire to show

sympathy with China in her efforts to

eradicate what is admittedly a serious

evil, they merely concerned themselves

to see that four public divans were

closed down, and, having done this

left severely alone the bigger and more

vital question of the actual suppression

of the habit itself, difficult to tackle

though it admittedly be. The wonder to

us who are here on the spot is that the

people of England should be so slow to

foresee what was bound to happen.

Apparently the anti-opium extremists

have shirked the real question and

have been busily persuading them-

selves that the closing of the

divans would mean an end of the whole

business. This is what comes of a

little knowledge, or of superficial con-

sideration of an important question

possessing many ramifications.

But although the public for a time

may be hoodwinked by appearances in

such matters, the truth will eventually

find its way to the surface. We are

therefore gratified to observe that there

are men in the House of Commons who

have given the subject sufficient con-

sideration to enable them to perceive

what is after all a fairly patent fact—namely, that the mere closing of public divans does not in reality touch the evil sought to be remedied. Mr. F. TAYLOR, M.P., on March 10th put a series of enquiries to Colonel SERRY, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the broad question and was informed by the latter that the last remaining divans in Hongkong were closed at the end of February. But this did not take the matter far enough for Mr. TAYLOR, who wanted to know what further steps were being taken to check the habit of opium-smoking in the Colony. This was a somewhat awkward query for the Minister, who seemingly was none too pleased to discover a member whose persistency tore away the veil and was likely to reveal things as they actually are and not as short-sighted faddists imagined them to be. Cornered, Colonel SERRY could only retort that he thought his hon. friend would have been so glad to hear that the last divans were closed that he would have been content without further information. The audacity of seeking to be enlightened on the real effect of the Government's policy! However, the Under Secretary of State added that if the questioner would give notice he would supply what further information he could. Personally we shall be extremely interested to see if Mr. TAYLOR will carry the matter further. It would be most informative to know what other practical steps can be taken to suppress opium smoking in the Colony. So far the effect of the closing of the public divans has been that many Chinese in Hongkong congregate privately to enjoy the soothing influences of the drug, and so long as they take precautions to bring their own supplies and make use of jointly owned apparatus without making payments to any one who could be considered as a keeper, there is no more to say. Looked at in this light the closing of the public divans is little more than a farce so far as the suppression of opium-smoking goes.

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CLAIM FOR MONEY LENT.

Mr. Justice Gompertz gave judgment at the Supreme Court this morning, in the case in which Leung Wing Tong sued Ho Shun and others to recover \$500 due under a promissory note.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Jackson defended the third defendant.

His Lordship said that he found himself compelled to give judgment for the plaintiff firm. There was no doubt that the money was given in the firm name and signed for with the firm's chop and the mere fact that a particular partner took no active interest in the business did not free him from liability.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Clifton and Lady Robinson arrived from Manila this morning.

We understand that Mr. Justice Gompertz goes home on leave shortly and that the Hon. Mr. F. A. Hazeland, acting Attorney General, will be appointed acting Puisne Judge.

Mr. C. H. Tricker of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire returned by the s.s. Nora on Thursday from England, after a well deserved holiday. Mr. Tricker left for Shanghai this afternoon.

No one will dispute the qualifications of Dr. William Wallace for the post of Lecturer in Scottish History, which has just been offered to him at Glasgow University. In the department of Scottish literature and history his work has long been recognised as of the highest merit. By many his edition of Burns is considered to be the best, but that is only one of the numerous works which have come from his pen in Scottish subjects, revealing his intimate acquaintance with the story of his country's past.

Lord Fisher, relieved from official duties and endowed with a pension, has taken up his residence in Norfolk with his son, who recently came into possession of a fine estate. Nothing could be more complete than the change of life, associations and pursuits. Writing to a friend in London, the ex-First Sea Lord says: "Through fifty-six years I have been unemployed only for three weeks." After incessant fighting since the week I was born, I find it odd to be planting cabbages, like the Emperor Diocletian when he doffed the Imperial purple. I have always thought how splendid was the epitaph engraved on the tomb of one of Nelson's captains, "Death found him fighting."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society will be held in the rooms on Monday evening, at 9 p.m.

Manila was delighted with "The Archangel." One paper described Mr. HARRY Cole as a copyist, with an entirely new step!

Mr. Woo Theam Tay, a barrister, has been found guilty at Singapore of committing perjury and has received a sentence of two years' rigorous imprisonment.

The two Japanese accused of attempting to obtain photographs of the Manila fortifications left the Philippines on the Yedo Maru bound for Formosa, on April 5.

Freight on hemp from the Philippines to the United Kingdom has dropped from 70 shillings to 60 shillings per ton in consequence of the competition of a new line of steamers.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has given the European Y.M.C.A. £1,000 to establish a fund for the training of contingents, which, owing to their distance from London, cost more for up-keep than the Government grant to them amounts to.

A special meeting for men is to be held at the rooms of the European Y.M.C.A., Alexandra building, on Sunday, at 9 p.m. Mr. A. H. Harris will preside, and Rev. J. A. A. Baker will deliver an address, on "The Facts and Evidence of the Resurrection of Christ."

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Manila was delighted with "The Archangel." One paper described Mr. HARRY Cole as a copyist, with an entirely new step!

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Cheque Dishonoured Three Times.

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A clerk at the Astor House, in proving a debt for \$450 for board and lodging, said he had received a cheque and presented it three times on April 1, but each time it was dishonoured.

Mr Justice Gompertz gave judgment for plaintiff.

Judgment was also given for Messrs H. Rutledge and Son for \$119.89 for goods sold and delivered.

MASTER MARINERS AT VARIANCE.

At the Magistrate's Court, this morning, before Mr E. R. Halliday, John McLeary, unemployed master mariner, summoned Alexander J. McKinnon, master of the s.s. Tai Wan, for assault, Mr P. S. Dixon prosecuted and Mr M. Reader Harris defended.

Mr Dixon said complainant was in the private berth of the Hongkong Hotel on March 7th sitting alone at a table having a drink when defendant came up and, apparently without any provocation, struck him a blow in the mouth. Thereupon complainant went and asked the barman to get a policeman but the latter, for some reason, did not and so complainant went up to the Police Station and laid the charge.

Complainant stated that between 7 and 8 p.m. on the date named he was in the bar having refreshments by himself. While he was sitting there defendant came across from the bar, witness being under the impression that he was going to speak to him about something. Instead of that, however, he closed his fist and hit out, breaking one of witness' teeth and driving two other teeth into his lip.

Thereupon witness got up and asked him why he did it, and defendant replied "You are right up against me." Witness knew what the intention was but there was no reason why he should act as he did. Witness' mouth was full of blood and after washing it he asked the bar attendant to fetch a policeman but he would not do so as they did not desire anyone arrested on the premises. Thereupon witness went out to get a policeman himself and when he came back defendant had disappeared. It might be insinuated that witness was the worse for liquor but that was not so. He knew he was excited afterwards.

Cross-examined by Mr Harris, witness denied that he was dismissed from the s.s. Alice Woorman for drunkenness. Neither was he discharged from the Hoi Hong for that reason.

Were you at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday morning?—I don't think this has anything to do with this case.

Were you drunk yesterday at the Hongkong Hotel?—No.

Witness denied the suggestion that he spoke to Capt. Jenkins before the blow was struck. There were many people in the bar at the time of the assault but none of them would be able to see it committed. Witness had been master mariner for 17 years but had never had a command on the China coast. Asked why, he stated that there were many looking for commands here. There was a dispute with defendant on the night named about some money, but this was after the assault. Witness denied having first attempted to hit defendant.

Replying to His Worship, witness said he was a witness in a landlord action pending between defendant and a Mr. Fisher. Defendant knew this and this was probably the reason he struck him.

Mr. Fisher, third engineer on the s.s. Zafiro spoke to being in the bar when the assault occurred but he did not see it committed. He had since heard that there were three European police officers in the bar at the time.

Mr. Harris—Why did not the police take any notice of this?—I do not know.

There was a man who looked as if he was half murdered with blood all over his face and hands, surely the police would have taken some notice of it?—I don't know anything about that.

Frank Thompson, bar attendant at the Hongkong Hotel, stated that he was called into the private bar about 10.15 p.m. when complainant asked him to fetch a policeman, but he refused to do so as he had not seen the assault committed. Complainant's lawyer, Mr. McLeary, was slightly swollen.

Mr. Harris—Was Mr. McLeary swollen?—He had been drinking.

His Worship—What do you mean by that?—Well, he was not quite under the influence of liquor but he had been taking something.

He was not strictly sober?—No, your Worship.

For the defence, Mr. Harris said his client admitted that he struck the complainant but he would say that the latter attempted to strike him first. Mr. McLeary was intoxicated at the time. The whole case was one which His Worship had power to dismiss because the blow was struck in self-defence. Or he could convict but as it was a foolish and frivolous charge he could refrain from inflicting any penalty.

Defendant went into the bar and said he had been a master mariner for nearly 30 years and had never been discharged in the whole of his career. Witness was in the bar on the night in question when he saw complainant enter. He was under the influence of liquor. Witness thought this would be a chance to get back from complainant the money he owed him and so he asked him for the \$10. When witness lent him the money "he had a feather to fly with and was indebted to the sailors' home."

When he asked for it complainant became abusive and then attempted to strike him. Witness thereupon struck him in self-defence. After that complainant kept running around singing out for a policeman, but nobody took any notice of him.

Mr. Dixon—Where does the self-defence come in? He attempted to strike me.

Why didn't you walk away?—I am not such a cur as that.

Apparently you rushed at him?—No, I stood in front of him like a man.

Why didn't you summon him?—Because I do not believe in wasting dirty time in Court. If he had been a man he would have known what to do.

I supposed you thought the proper thing would be to go outside and fight it out?—Well, I don't think I should have refused. His Worship dismissed the case after hearing further evidence.

SPORTING.

The Calendar.

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Saturday, April 9.
Boxing—Tournament at City Hall. 9 p.m.
Football—H.K.F.C. Dinner, Hongkong Hotel. 8 p.m.
Cricket—H.K.C.C. v. H.E. Garrison, H.R.C.C. Ground, 1.30 p.m.
League Cricket—H.R.C.C. v. R.G.A. Happy Valley, 2.15 p.m.
Boxing—Match at Kowloon Bowling Club Green.

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Athletics—Entries for V.R.C. Sports close at 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 16.
Racing—Gymkhana Club's 1st meeting; Racecourse.
Athletics—School Sports, Hoates.

Sunday, April 17.
Yachting—Royal R.Y.C. Yacht Club Handicap and One Design Class racing; 11.30 and 11.40 a.m.
Monday, April 18.
Athletics—School Sports. Finals.
Saturday, April 23.
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Cricket.

H.K.C.C. v. H.E. GARRISON.
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Bowls.

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Lawn Tennis.

HONGKONG C.C. TOURNAMENT.
There were further ties played off last evening, most interest attaching to the championship semi-final between Capt. Murray and Mr S. F. Green, which was won after a keen tussle by the latter player.

Yesterday's results were:—
CHAMPIONSHIP—SEMI-FINAL.
S. F. Green beat Capt. J. A. S. Murray 6/3, 6/4, 3/6, 0/6, 6/2.

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The match looked like an easy thing for Green, but in the two following sets Murray wonderfully recovered and gave the other man quite a fight. The third set opened disastrously for the leader, who lost three games in succession in which he only scored one single point. He also lost the fourth and then took alternative games with Murray, until the end came with 6/3 against him. If the third set was bad for Green the fourth was worse still, the other man carrying all before him and winning 6/0, Green scoring very few points indeed. Murray's recovery was wonderful.

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PROFESSIONAL PAIRS.

Third Round.
Capt. G. T. Brierley and Lt. T. A. Whyte (Army) beat D. E. Clark and P. H. Klimaszek (Merchants) 6/4, 6/3.

"B" CLASS DOUBLES.

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Shooting.

LADIES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
Under the auspices of the Hongkong Ladies Rifle Association the programme of the annual meeting, which takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, is as follows:—75 Yards scratch competition; 75 Yards handicap; 60 Yards scratch; 60 Yards handicap; the D.A.S.H. encouragement prizes; 60 yards handicap; aggregate competition; Jersey Club challenge cup; members' meeting; but through out the meeting; consolation prize; O'Gorman challenge cup, affinity competition.

Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

The Captain's Cup was played for at the Happy Valley from the 2nd to 4th April with the following results:—

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Hon. Mr. Gresson..... 96-18-80
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Athletics.

V.R.C. sports.
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Boxing.

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Chess.

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Billiards.

In the second round of the billiard tournament Yvanovich and McLennan were awarded their games owing to Messrs Cameron and Slater failing to put in an appearance.

McLennan v. Yvanovich.

On Thursday evening McLennan met Yvanovich in the third round and the game was a very interesting one. The latter won easily by 101 points after having made some good breaks. Scores 402-353. The winner was responsible for breaks of 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. The loser's best efforts were: 12 (4), 13 (3), 14, 15, 17, 19 and 22.

Mr. E. H. Hinds v. Mr. R. Blair.
Writing from Glasgow in reference to the game played by Mr. E. H. Hinds in the second round of the initial round of the Amateur Billiard Championship a correspondent says:—Mr. Hinds was always the more prominent performer, and scoring consistently with 23, 32 and 33 (twice) secured a fairly comfortable advantage. Mr. Blair reduced the gap with successive breaks of 30 and 50; the latter a capital open effort, and succeeding these with a 32 took pride of place after an hour's play. His subsequent scores, not large, but eminently useful, took him along nicely and within measurable distance of the interval, when in response to 35 from Mr. Hinds, he answered a neat 42. A delightful 66 credited to the Londoner preceded the adjournment, the board then reading:—

Mr. Blair..... 502
Mr. Hinds..... 463

At night, Mr. Hinds opened in promising fashion with a score of 58, and subsequently he made very slow progress, rarely winning his many chances. On the other hand, Mr. Blair was to the fore with small totals, which, in the aggregate, advanced his afternoon lead to well over 100. His most notable break was 33, and 42, the latter of which preceded a stylish and advantageously played 50. Mr. Hinds having once found his form, got away from the steady sequence of almost impossible positions left him, and moved in front fashion, putting up 84 and 28, which made the game a full 100 in his favour. Blair returned at 37 from Mr. Blair. Mr. Hinds returned at 37, then standing at 20 behind. Although later doing well with 38, 17, and 24, Mr. Hinds was never so fortunate as his opponent, who, in addition to a 37, had a final 59, which placed the issue beyond doubt. It is significant that the two returned about the same average. Final scores:—

Mr. Blair..... 502
Mr. Hinds..... 463

One serious difficulty in the present situation of the English political world, says the New York Nation, is that neither side to the controversy, not one of the four political parties has really a statement of the first-class. There is no one to appeal to the democratic ideals of the people as could Gladstone; no Conservative with the hold upon his party and the authority with the nation which Lord Salisbury had; and the Irish have no Parnell. If the world is, as Napoleon said, governed by the imagination, it must seem a pity that at this juncture there is no great English orator, no inspired political leader, to fuse differing opinions in the glow and fire of his genius, and to work out a solution of the problem amid the acclaim and with the support of the large body of his countrymen.

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HOME SPORTING NOTES.

(Specially written for the "China Mail.")

England's position draw with Ireland at Rugby football was a distinct surprise, not to say disappointment, to those of their followers who had witnessed their victory over Wales. But the English forwards were badly beaten in the scrums and also in the loose and consequently their backs were never given a chance to score or open up an attack. On the very few occasions on which the ball was heeled out of the scrum, it was done so slowly that the Irish forwards, who broke up very quickly, swamped the opposing halves, and instead of attacking the backs were called on to defend. Had the Irish threequarters possessed any speed or scoring ability at all, Ireland must have won; as it was, they passed, fumbled the ball or got collared at once, consequently neither side scored. The Prince of Wales was an interested spectator. The team to play France contains four changes among the forwards and two outside. Johnston, the full-back, and Birkett, centre, did any amount of defending and, Johns played splendidly forward. Scotland, who were badly beaten by Wales, meet Ireland and should win, as they have a better lot of outsiders. In the County Championship Gloucestershire have beaten Kent in the semi-final and meet the winner of the Northumberland and Yorkshire tie. Whoever they play Gloucestershire should win, in which case it will be the first time they have won the Competition. Among the clubs, the Harlequins met their Waterloo last week in the shape of Oxford University, who beat them by 12 points to 5. This is their first defeat of the season, having won 16 and drawn 1 previously, the first match against Oxford, and goes to prove what I predicted last October, i.e. that Oxford would have the best side in the country. Their latest International is R. H. Hands, a forward, who has received his cap v. France. The Prince of Wales has signified his intention of watching the annual match between the Officers of the Royal Navy and Officers of the Army at Queen's Club. The former should have no difficulty in winning once more. His Royal Highness is also going to see the International Hockey Match between England and Wales.

At Soccer most of the favourites have been knocked out for the English Cup, but Everton and Newcastle United still remain. At Hockey Oxford beat Cambridge by 6 goals to 4. Lagden and Poulton, the two Ruggers "Blues," played for the former, who were captained by A. D. Ball, who was born in Hongkong.

"O. A."

WEST RIVER NOTES.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NANNING, April 2.
April in Nanning has been ushered in with heavy rain, and a drop of nearly 50° in the temperature. Things are very quiet, and the days pass by without any such untoward events as have been marred the serenity of Wuchow. True, there was a piracy reported at Namheung (the West River port for Pakhoi) and three chartered junks were said to have been plundered, but the crews captured a number of the robbers; on the other hand the Likin people complained by telegram that several of their men had been attacked and taken prisoners on the said junks while in the act of performing their official duties. Evidently there is more than one definition of a "pirate."

We had seven visitors from Pakhoi, who came to call on their old friends in the Emmanuel Medical Mission; they were the Rev. and Mrs. W. Hipwell, and the Misses Havers, Bolton, Carlen, Store and Bakenwell.

The Rev. W. Hipwell baptised the first fruit of the Mission—two men and one woman.

The hospital building is rising rapidly, after having been practically at a standstill for 6 months. The receipt of several generous donations lately has removed all financial embarrassment, especially £200 from an unknown friend in Scotland, who desires to remain anonymous. Mrs. Cliff left Nanning last week for England, and hopes to be back at her work by Christmas.

There is universal regret amongst all classes of people at the impending departure of our Customs Commissioner, Mr. T. D. Moorhead. He took over command from Mr. von Strauch nearly 2 years ago, and since that time has not left the port; it will be hard to imagine this lonely spot without him.

Mr. C. E. Tanat, returning from farouglough, will be coming to relieve him.

Mr. H. C. Hansson from Canton, new Commissioner for Lungchow, has passed through with his wife and family.

Mrs. Borowski, who came out from France over two years ago so pluckily to keep house for her son, our Assistant in the Customs, is returning to her home in Boyan. This makes still another foreigner leaving Nanning and others seem likely to follow during the course of this year.

General regret will be felt too at the departure of the much respected French Bishop of this Province, whom it is feared will have to return to France for good. Though his heart is in the work in Nanning, his body is worn out with all his arduous experiences as a pioneer Missionary in Kwangsi.

I hear that the Church Missionary Society are to open a Station at Lungchow on the borders of Kwangsi; and that the Rev. Norman Mackenzie, well known in these parts, has been selected to take charge. Mr. Mackenzie will be greatly helped by his former wife, Miss Ethel Baker, a worker from New Zealand.

The preliminary survey of the railway from Kweilin to Nanning has been completed. This line is to connect us up with the Hankow-Canton Railway. There is very little trade in this direction and the intention of the Chinese Government is obviously to use it for strategic purposes principally.

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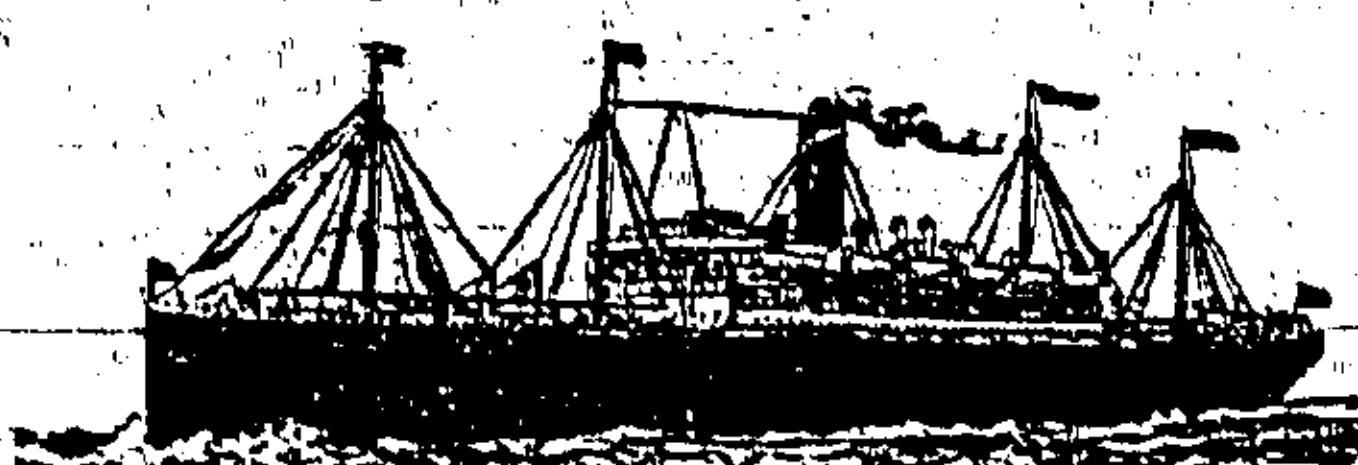
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